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Kevin Connyszerdy (pictured) demonstrated the Eagle Dance, Men's Fancy Dance and the Hoop Dance for those who attended the child care Heritage Week festivities. Also demonstrating dances were Leslie Deer and Zack Morris. Leslie demonstrated the Fancy Shawl and Jingle Dress dances while Zack Morris demonstrated the Men's Straight Dance.

There are more photos on page 12.

(Photo by Dennette Bare)



# TRIBAL TRACTS

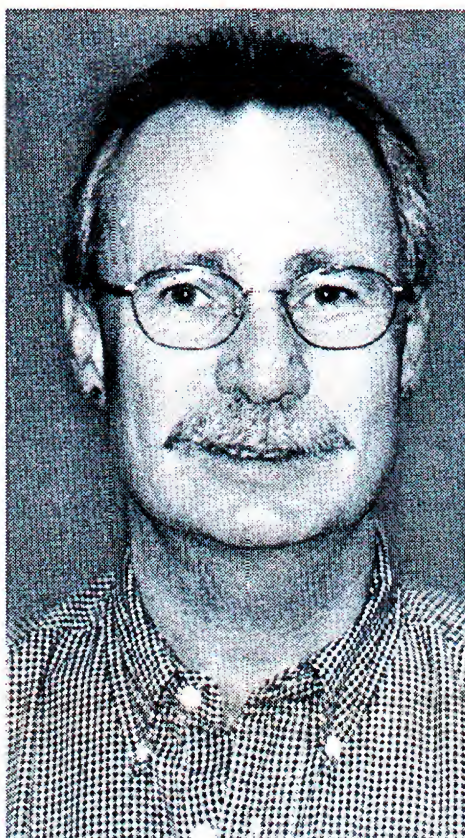
## Tribal member joins staff of major library network

David M. Whittall joined the NLS staff on June 5 as a network consultant and will be responsible for the libraries in the Northern and Southern Regions of the NLS network beginning in October. He has more than thirteen years of network library service.

His duties include providing consultant services through visits and communication with libraries serving blind and physically handicapped individuals. He will work collaboratively to improve library services, as well as write reports and collect statistics that will help identify service trends throughout the network. He will also serve as a liaison at national and regional exhibits, conferences, and meetings.

Whittall, a native of Shawnee, Oklahoma, is an enrolled member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation of Oklahoma. His family moved to the San Joaquin Valley of California when he was twelve. He received a bachelor of arts degree in fine art from California State University of Los Angeles.

In 1983 he worked at the Braille Institute Library in Los Angeles, California, where he was machine coordinator. In 1988, Whittall returned to college and worked at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, becoming full-time upon graduation.



David Whittall

He worked on a Space Shuttle experiment called Radiat 7 that flew on the International Microgravity Laboratory, IML-1, Flight STS 42, before returning to talking-book library service. In 1992 he joined the Arizona State Braille and Talking Book Library in Phoenix, Arizona, where he was machine supervisor, working with the Telephone Pioneers of America, Chapter #66, repairing cassette players for the patrons in Arizona as well as those of fourteen other regional libraries. Whittall expanded the sublibrary agency network throughout Arizona to provide new alternatives for patrons' needs.

Whittall is happy about working at NLS. "It is a great program, and I'm excited about working with so many network libraries and with living on the East Coast," Whittall says. This is the first time he has lived east of the Mississippi River. Whittall says he plans on seeing places that he has only read about in history books or seen on television. Both of the NLS Regions he will cover are almost entirely new territory for him.

His outside interests are in art, Grand Prix auto racing ("really in driving fast in/on anything with wheels"), Native American culture and history, and the natural sciences.

## Walking on ...

### Tammy Diane Behrens Mize

Chapel services for Tammy Diane Behrens Mize were held Tuesday, January 11, 2000, at the Winans Funeral Home Chapel. Burial followed in the Maysville Cemetery with arrangements under the direction of John Williams of Winans Funeral Home, Maysville.

Tammy Diane Behrens Mize was born September 7, 1962, in Oklahoma City to Robert and Jane Bazhaw Behrens. She passed away January 7, 2000, as a result of a traffic accident west of Maysville, at the age of 37 years.

Tammy Mize grew up in the Cement, Oklahoma area. She had lived at Lindsay and came to Maysville in July of 1998. She and her husband owned and operated the Twister tavern west of Maysville. She was affiliated with the Pentecostal Church. Tammy will be missed by her family and her many, many friends.

Survivors include her husband, Charles Leroy Mize, of Maysville; her mother, Jane Collins, and step-father, Odie Collins, of Lindsay; their children, Kimberlee Dinsmore of Chickasha, Oklahoma, Tabitha Coykendall of Clinton, Katie Coykendall and April Coykendall, both of Maysville; five step-children, Pheobe Deann Garrett of Fanshaw, Amy Woods of Maysville, Charles Jr. of Maysville, Rosa Dudgeon of Lindsay, and Misty Mize of Fanshaw; three brothers and one sister, Charles McKelvain of Chandler, Arizona, Carl McKelvain of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, Jamie Casteel of Duncan, Oklahoma, and Billy Behrens of Elk City, Oklahoma; and eleven grandchildren.

### Georgia Mildred Johnson Harmon

Georgia Mildred Johnson Harmon, 65, died Wednesday, September 13, 2000, at Covenant Hospital in Lubbock, TX. She had been a resident of Borger, TX most of her life.

She was survived by her husband, Delbert Harmon; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane & Floyd Green of Lubbock, TX, and Michelle and David McKenzie of Midland, TX; six grandchildren and several great-grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Dunham of Borger; 4 brothers, Tom Johnson, J.C. Johnson, both of Borger, Earl Johnson of Kingman, AZ, and Elbert Johnson of Houston, TX.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Glatis Melot Johnson, who died on March 17, 2000, her father Julian Johnson, and her first husband Homer Lee Smith.

Mildred was born October 14, 1934, in Eola, OK, to Julian and Glatis Johnson. She was a conscientious homemaker and a loved mother and sister. Her walking on leaves a big void in many lives.

She was a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Thomas Marion Melot was her grandfather and Catherine Bergeron Melot was her great grandmother.

Memorial services were conducted by her Uncle Denzil Bailey at the Church of the House of Israel, Lubbock, TX, on September 17, 2000.

A sad note: One month to the day later her husband walked on.

### Kenneth Ray Tescier

Kenneth Ray Tescier was born at Choctaw, Oklahoma, October 13, 1929, to George Anthony and Agnes Cynthia Tescier. He walked on October 25, 2000. He retired from Allstate Insurance Company in 1997. His grandparents were Citizen Potawatomi allottees John Isadore Tescier and Alice May Smith Tescier.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Bebe Razier, daughter, Denise Tescier, parents, grandparents, and a baby brother, George William Tescier in 1938, and stepson, Bobby.

He is survived by; his second wife, Jackie, his son, Kevin Tescier and wife Stacy, their daughter Marissa Cheree; two step-sons, Tommy Dulak, Brian Dulak and wife Sherri, their two children, Alex and Haley; step-daughter, Monica and her husband Ken Marshall, their three daughters, Meagan, Katelynn, and Rachel; two brothers, Reginald E. Tescier, and Gale G. Tescier; two sisters, Shirley K. Tescier, and Joyce A. and husband Ed Waite; aunt, Celestine (Sis) Tescier Konechney; lots of cousins, nieces, and nephews.

He will be missed by family and friends. Memorial Services were held on October 29, 2000, at Harvester Church in Temecula, California.

## HOWNIKAN PEOPLE OF THE FIRE

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# Tribe, county join forces to expand drug court

By GWEN E. KING  
The Shawnee Sun &  
Tecumseh Countywide News  
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The addition of a second drug court program in Pottawatomie County has the potential to save more lives than ever, thanks to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation.

This year, Pottawatomie County Drug Court lost federal funding as did all other state drug courts in Oklahoma. Though a catastrophic loss for some, that may turn out to be a blessing in disguise here.

While the county program was being cut back, the federal Department of Justice was approving a grant to the Citizen Potawatomi Nation to use as seed money for its own drug court. To do that, the tribe needed an administrative coordinator.

Although the county's program is self-sufficient in everyday operations, the loss of its federal subsidy meant the county was going to have to cut... that's right... its administrative coordinator.

Sometimes governments really do work together.

"We didn't get the money to fund my position and the Citizen Potawatomi Nation didn't have a coordinator," said Tamee Daniel, administrative coordinator for the Pottawatomie County Drug Court and now also multi-jurisdictional coordinator for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation Drug Court.

"Over the past year and a half we have been working with the tribe to try to develop a multi-jurisdictional drug court. In a joint effort, they're paying for my posi-



Potawatomi Drug Court Administrator Vicki Lofton

tion and I'm helping them get started," Daniel said.

That "joint effort" means stronger drug courts that have the capacity to save more lives, restore more families and teach more drug addicts and alcoholics to become responsible and productive members of society.

"We are pleased to have the drug court grant and we want to do it justice, so we are working closely with Pottawatomie

County officials and others who are involved to make sure everyone benefits," said Linda Capps, tribal vice chairman.

"Drug Court really is a good project. We're always looking for ways to work with the community and this is a good way to do that."

Daniel and Vicki Lofton, Citizen Potawatomi Nation Drug Court administrator, have been attending seminars with other members of the tribal drug court

team. Their goal has been to establish policies and procedures so the tribal drug court can be operational as soon as early next year.

"We're one of the only programs in the nation doing this," said Lofton. "The other is with the Poarch Creek Indians in Mobile, Alabama."

"It was really surprising Pottawatomie County didn't get their grant but it's fortunate we did. We were able to step in and say 'here's a solution that benefits us both.'"

Since Pottawatomie County has no jurisdiction over tribal affairs, and Citizen Potawatomi Nation has no jurisdiction over county affairs, the two will work hand in hand. The primary difference between the drug courts will be that Native American traditions will be incorporated in the Potawatomi tribal treatment program.

Among those tribal customs are participation from the elders who can teach spiritual ceremonies to the younger Native Americans, Lofton said. But first participants must be freed of the yoke of addiction to drugs and alcohol.

"The key to drug court in the Native American community is treatment," Lofton said. "Drug court has helped rebuild lives that were being destroyed by drugs and alcohol."

"I believe in this program. I've seen a lot of good things come out of it."

Lofton noted that the Native American drug court will incorporate all aspects of treatment except inpatient.

## Potawatomi Language Lesson Commands and Relations

### Commands

|            |                    |
|------------|--------------------|
| Byan       | Come               |
| Jib de ben | Sit down           |
| Dok'em     | Be quite or behave |
| Wi snen    | Eat                |

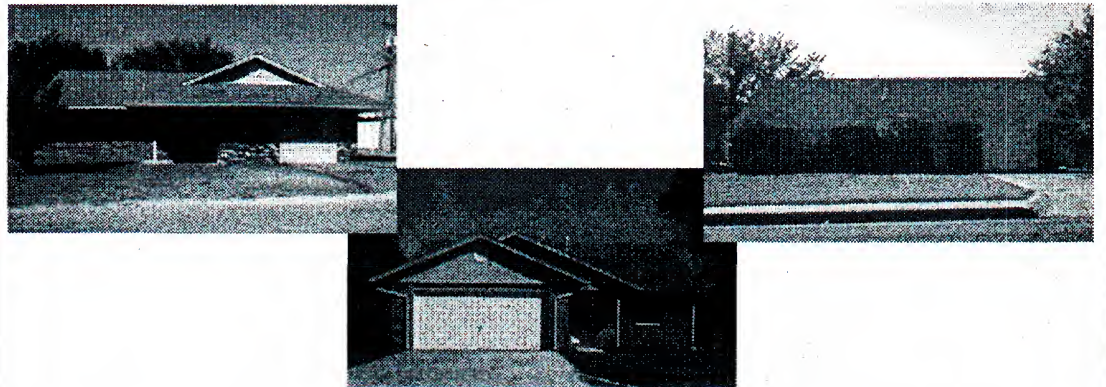
These commands are telling one person to do something.

### Relations

|                 |                |
|-----------------|----------------|
| Nde nwé ma gnek | Relatives      |
| Nokomis         | My grandmother |
| Noko!           | Grandma!       |
| Nmeshomes       | My grandfather |
| Mesho!          | Grandpa!       |

Practice the above commands with someone. Exchange dialogue so you are both experts at using these commands. Once you become good at the above dialogues, teach someone else.

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# St. Gregory's cookbook features Sacred Heart photos

The spirit and history that make St. Gregory's University unique are celebrated in "Feast for the Soul: The Food, Friends and Lessons of Hospitality at St. Gregory's Abbey and University," recently released by Morris Press.

"Feast for the Soul" features recipes, historic photos, tidbits of St. Gregory's role in Indian Territory, excerpts from the Rule of St. Benedict and anecdotes about the people and places that set Oklahoma's oldest institution of higher education apart.

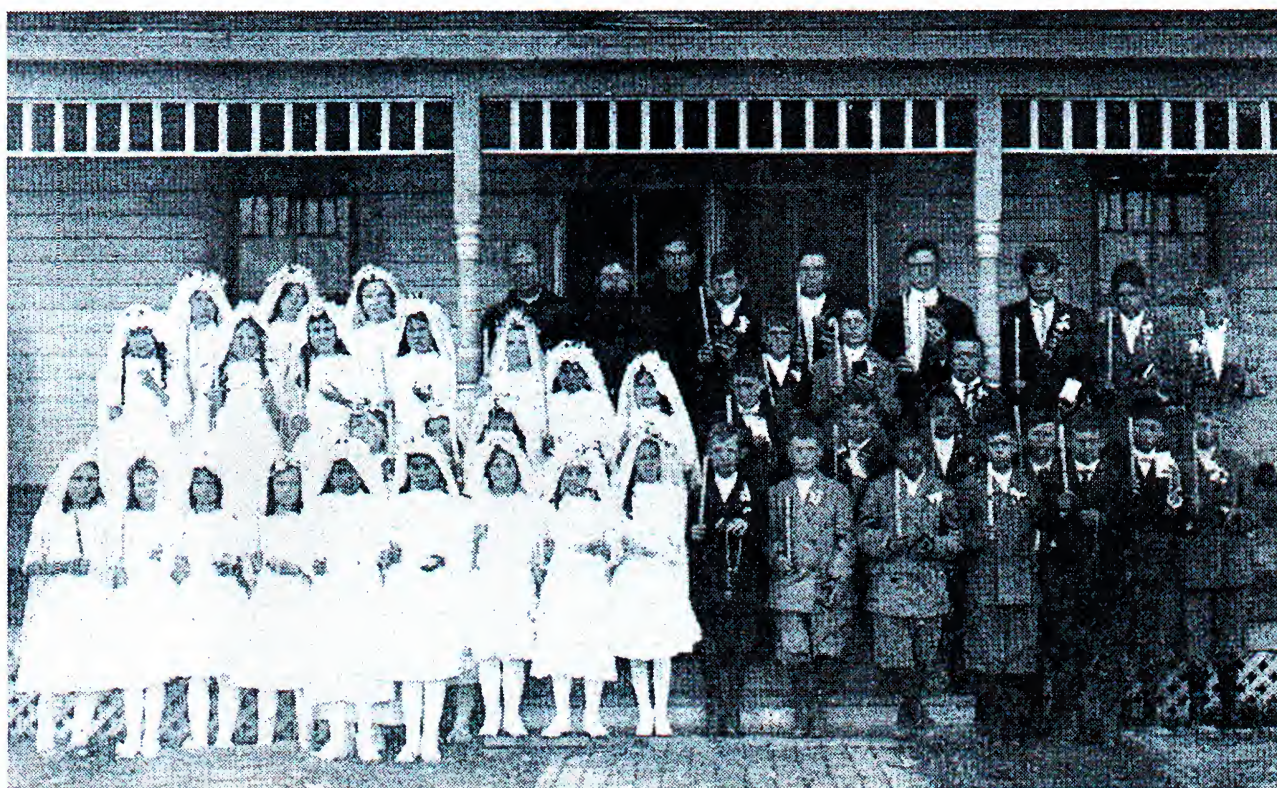
"'Feast for the Soul' is more than a cookbook — it is a glimpse into St. Gregory's character and heart," said SGU President Fr. Lawrence Stasyszen. "For 125 years, hospitality and commitment to serving our fellow human beings have made St. Gregory's special. 'Feast for the Soul' celebrates that heritage and our future."

The book, which was conceived and produced by members of St. Gregory's Abbey and SGU faculty and staff, is available for \$20. Books can be shipped for an additional \$5 fee. To order "Feast for the Soul," call (405) 878-5100, contact a member of SGU's faculty, staff or student body, or e-mail [jkenaga@sgc.edu](mailto:jkenaga@sgc.edu). Proceeds will benefit SGU's student scholarship program.

"Feast for the Soul" includes richly detailed, glass-plate negative photos of SGU's predecessor, Sacred Heart Abbey and College in Konawa, which was established in 1875 to serve children of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation. Many of the photos date from the 1870s to the early 1900s, when "the great fire" destroyed most of Sacred Heart.

Historic pictures are blended with current photos of student life and the SGU campus. SGU Partnership Development Director Jo Kenaga, who helped lead the "Feast for the Soul" effort, said the cookbook will link St. Gregory's past as the state's first college with its contemporary identity as Oklahoma's first laptop university.

"St. Gregory's has a tradition of being diverse and inclusive, and of bringing people together to accomplish things in innovative and creative ways," Kenaga said. "'Feast for the Soul' fits that tradition. It is a very different kind of project that is fun for us, yet reaches out to people who will know for the first time why St.



This Is One Of Several Photos From Old Glass Plate Negatives Featured In The Cookbook

Gregory's is so special."

Among contemporary views in "Feast for the Soul" are little-seen details of the handmade gargoyles that adorn SGU's Janeway Academic Center, portraits of several well-known members of St. Gregory's Abbey, and renderings of SGU's future expansion.

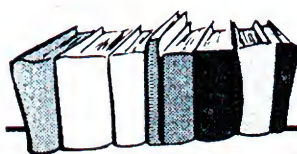
A special feature of "Feast for the Soul" is a humorous and affectionate window into St. Gregory's past, related by Fr. Augustine Horn, O.S.B. Fr. Augustine, a 1938 graduate of St. Gregory's College, is the eldest member of the monastic community and has given more than 62 years of his life in service to St. Gregory's.

Readers also get a glimpse into monastic life through the inclusion of several Benedictine blessings for mealtimes, a timeline of SGU history, a schedule of early "primitive observance" monastic life, churches established throughout Indian Territory by Sacred Heart monks, and excerpts from "Tenacious Monks," the official history of St. Gregory's Abbey and University.

For more information on "Feast for the Soul," call 878-5100 or e-mail [jkenaga@sgc.edu](mailto:jkenaga@sgc.edu).



The Cover Of "Feast For The Soul"



## BOOK REPORT

By Hyale Smith, Tribal Rolls Assistant

Title: *Coyote in Love with a Star*  
Author: Marty Kreipe de Montañio, Illustrations by Tom Coffin  
Publisher: Abbeville Press, 1998  
Ages: 4 to 8

This children's book is part of a series, "Tales of the People," published by the National Museum of the American Indian, Smithsonian Institution.

This particular story is a somewhat autobiographical variation on a Klamath Indian fable about how Crater Lake was created.

In this version, Coyote is down on his luck, out of a job, and feeling a bit lonely, too. He decides to leave the Potawatomi reservation in Kansas and take off for the Big Apple. We see him driving down the road in his hand-painted VW bus, carrying the necessities of life: a Pendleton

blanket to keep him warm and a big batch of fry bread to fill his belly.

Once in New York City, he manages to find work, as a Rodent Control Officer in the World Trade Center. But he's homesick. At night, he climbs to the roof of his building and watches the stars dance in the sky. He falls in love with the most beautiful of the stars. He finally persuades her to dance with him. And dance they do, across the sky. He's ecstatic, but only for a while, 'cause stars don't talk and it's cold way up in the sky. Coyote wants to go home.

So the star lets go of him and he falls — his journey takes four days and nights — and lands, splat! Right in the middle of Central Park. His falling body makes a great big hole in the earth and, when it fills with water, it becomes the Reservoir.

Now, when you hear coyotes yowling at night, know that they are yelling at the cold-hearted star who dropped their ancestor.

This is a delightful book, written and illustrated by two members of the Prairie Band Potawatomi. The colorful drawings, shown on alternate pages with the text, show a resourceful Coyote coping with the confusion of Manhattan and his own feelings of loneliness.

Included in the book are several pages of information about the role that Coyote has played in various Native American tribes' folklore. The author also includes pictures and text on the Potawatomi.

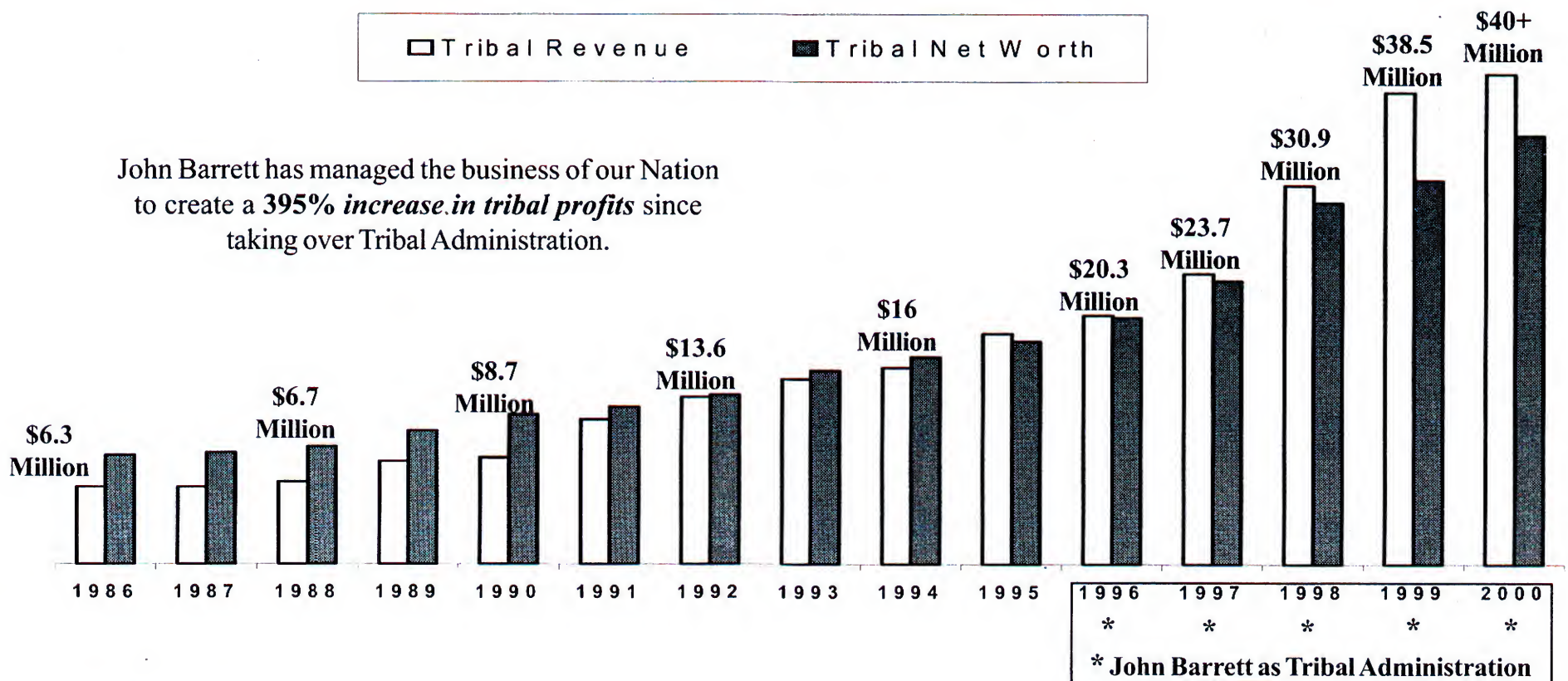
(Note: All books in the NMAI's Tales of the People series are written by Native Americans and include four pages of information and photographs exploring various aspects of Native culture, including a glossary of words in different Indian languages.)

If you are interested in reading this book, you can check with your local library or bookstore. (The Tribal Library does not lend books; they are for on-site research only.)



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The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is divided into different "Regional Offices" to help cover the extended membership across the nation. Originally labeled merely by region names, regional boundaries were established in late 1997 using the US Postal Service "3 digit" Zip code areas. Region '0' is generally considered Oklahoma while the other states that are not numbered currently do not have an official "Region" designator.

## REGIONAL REPORTS



### 2000-2001 Regional Council Schedule

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| Denver .....                  | Sept. 16, 2000 |
| Eastern United States .....   | Oct. 14, 2000  |
| Dallas .....                  | Nov. 11, 2000  |
| Southern California .....     | Jan. 20, 2001  |
| Phoenix .....                 | Feb. 10, 2001  |
| Northern California .....     | March 3, 2001  |
| Houston .....                 | March 24, 2001 |
| Oregon/Idaho/Washington ..... | April 7, 2001  |
| Kansas .....                  | May 5, 2001    |

## North Texas

The meeting for the Northern Texas and Eastern New Mexico Region was held on Saturday, November 11, 2000. Chairman Barrett, Hilton Melot, Gene Bruno and J. P. Motley came to conduct the meeting. Linda Capps broke her ankle playing volleyball and was not able to attend. We all missed her and hope she is improving and will be in good shape for the holidays.

There was a good attendance, the food was good and the shopping was great! Chairman Barrett gave an update on the score for the Texas A & M and University of Oklahoma football game. The reports were fine with me, but the end of the game was not. But all the people from Oklahoma were happy at the end of the day. J. T. Summerlin was not able to fix my computer, but he had a fancy set up for the photo IDs and that process went quickly and smoothly. Dennette Bare and Bob Trousdale did the setup for the meeting and Bob made a great salesman in the gift shop.

This has been a hectic fall for me and all the work they did was greatly appreciated. Dorothy Whitebread was the wisest, Joe Dorries came the farthest and Jackson Barrett was the youngest. In the Art Competition, Dorothy Whitebread won third place, Donna Barnard won second place and Joan Green won first place. Every year several people say they intended to enter the art contest and now is a good time to start your project for next year. I know we have a lot more artists out there and we would like to see what you could do.

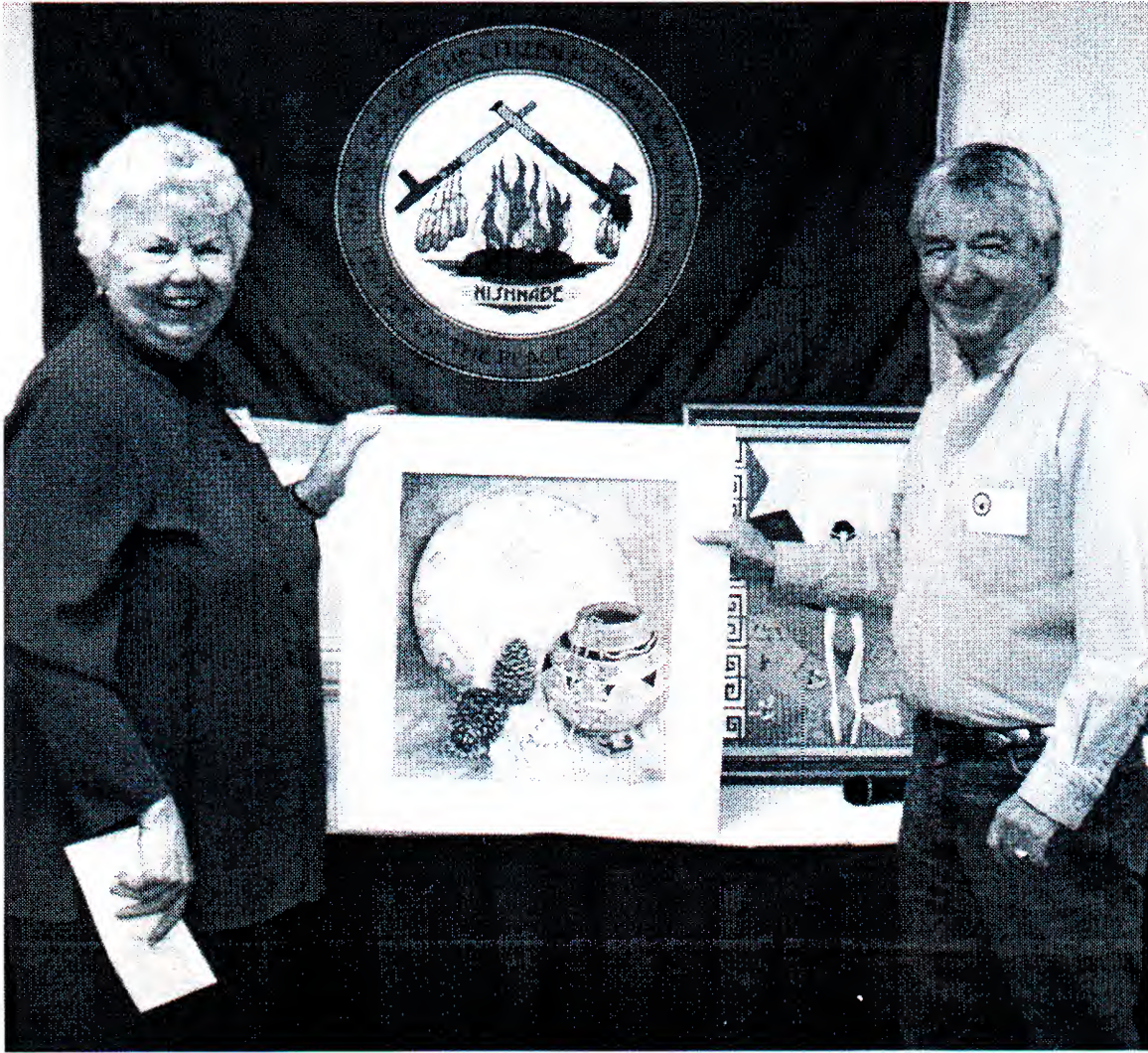
We missed those of you who were not able to be with us and hope you will be able to make plans to attend next year. The meeting will probably be in the same time period, which was the second Saturday in November. This is your meeting and your chance to visit with the Business Committee and ask questions.

My very best to all of you for a happy and blessed holiday season.

*Marj Hobdy*



# North Texas Regional Council



## Art Competition Winners

Joan Green, above, receives the first place award in the Regional Art Contest from Secretary-Treasurer Gene Bruno. Above left, Committeeman Hilton Melot presents the second place prize to Donna Barnard, and below right, Melot presents third place to Dorothy Whitebread.



Chairman John A. "Rocky" Barrett recognizes Dorothy Whitebread as the wisest Potawatomi present for the council meeting.



Chairman Barrett was proud to recognize his grandson Jackson Barrett as the youngest enrolled Potawatomi present. Holding Jackson is his father Jack.



Chairman Barrett shakes hands with the Rev. Joe Dorries, who traveled farthest to attend the council meeting.



# Richardson passes test for lactation certification

Cheryl Richardson, Nutritionist and Lactation Consultant for the Citizen Potawatomi Nation WIC Program, recently passed the International Board of Lactation Consultant Examiners (IBLCE) annual examination and is listed with a National/International Registry as an International Board Certified Lactation Consultant (IBCLC). An IBCLC is identified as a member of the health care team possessing specialized skills and knowledge and provides breastfeeding assistance and skilled technical management for breastfeeding problems. The Citizen Potawatomi Nation was the first Indian Tribe to employ an IBCLC when Ms. Richardson first passed the exam in 1990. All IBCLCs must recertify by exam every ten years.

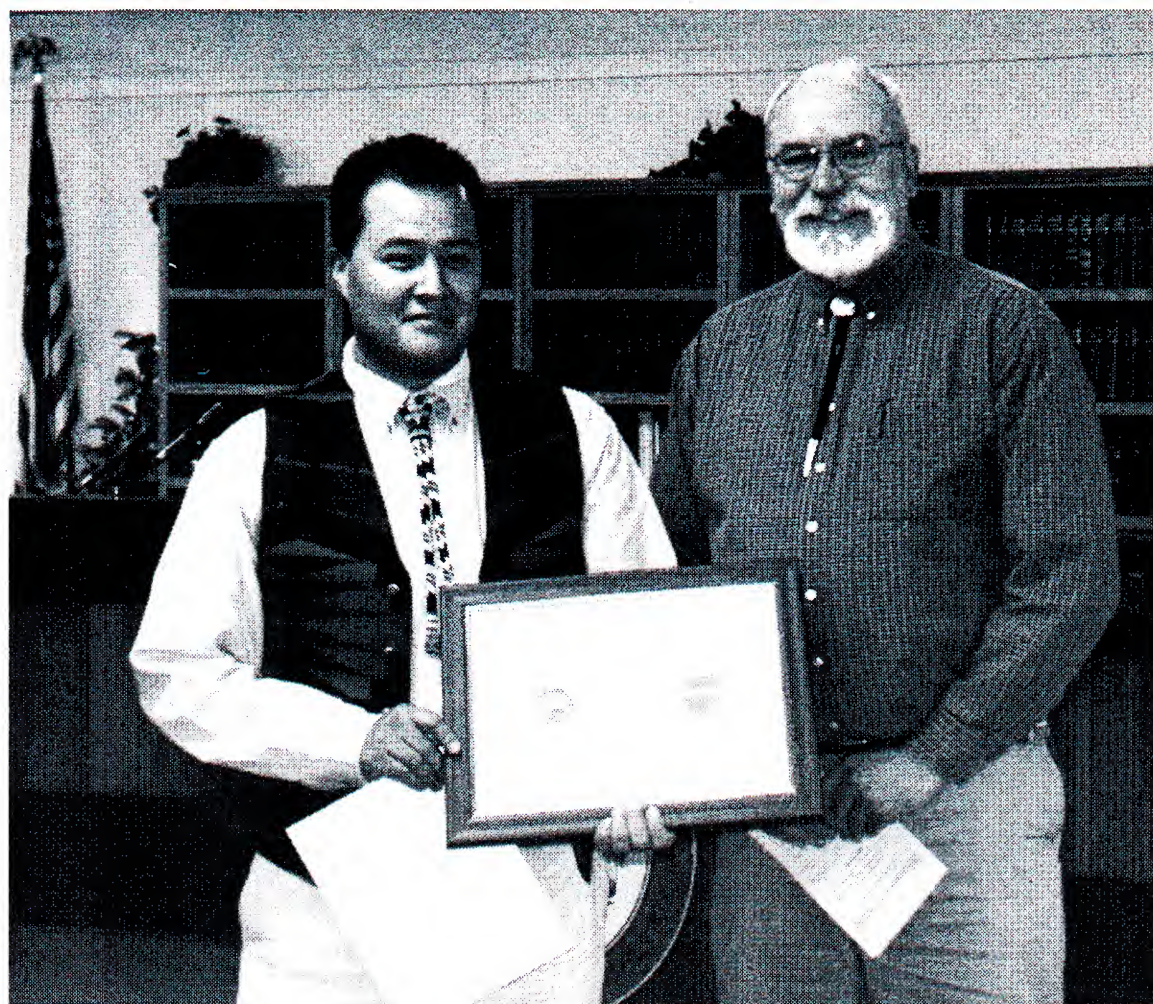
A record number of 1,634 lactation professionals successfully completed the rigorous requirements to become IBCLCs. The IBCLC Certification is the gold standard of competency in the lactation field. It is the only official, international credential for those offering breastfeeding and lactation care. A combination of basic training, continuing education, practice and successful completion of the examination assures that the designation "IBCLC" identifies a member of the health care team who possesses specialized skills and knowledge.

IBLCE-certified nurses, physicians, dietitians, educators, midwives, social workers, lay breastfeeding counselors and therapists work with mothers to excel in the breastfeeding experience. A mother that breastfeeds can save \$1400 per year on formula, is more likely to bond closely with her child, passes on immunities to her child and recovers more quickly from the weight normally gained in pregnancy. Her likelihood of contracting premenopausal breast cancer or osteoporosis over her lifetime is reduced. Studies have shown that babies that are breastfed have fewer visits to health care providers through age 17. The incidence of otitis media, juvenile diabetes, and other illnesses is reduced, not just during the breastfeeding period but also

throughout childhood. Assistance by an IBLCE-accredited professional in the critical first hour after birth improves the probability of long-term maintenance of breastfeeding.

IBCLCs are ideally skilled to help provide quality breastfeeding care; develop and implement breastfeeding protocols; improve lactation knowledge and skills of other staff and to help their facilities become accredited under the UNICEF "Baby Friendly" Hospital Initiative.

Candidates for the international exam meet stringent eligibility requirements that demonstrate proficiency and understanding of practical skills, clinical judgment, current research knowledge and attainment of a number of continuing education credits. The IBLCE maintains a National/International Registry of all Board Certified Lactation Consultants.



Tracy Haney receives his Sexual Abuse Investigator's certification from the University of Oklahoma, School of Social Work. (Photo by Dennette Bare)

## From Our Mailbox

Dear Scholarship Committee,

I want to sincerely thank you for supporting me financially. I do not know what I would do without people like you. School is one of the most important aspects in my life currently. I truly appreciate that you contribute to making my dreams come true.

This is my final year here at Sterling College. After this school year I plan to work with the Student Conservation Association for a year or two. This will be my next step in helping to better and preserve our natural environment.

Thank you again for sharing

your resources with me, in return I promise to protect our natural resources.

Sydney Rae Flowers



Dear Housing Department,

I want to thank you so kindly for the housing grant I recently received. With all my expenses throughout the school year this will surely help!

I appreciate all the grants the tribe awards me each semester. I sure hope your holiday seasons will be wonderful.

Thanks again,

Jamie Erler  
Lansing, MI

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation  
Substance Abuse Department  
is offering extended outpatient service for  
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For more information, contact

Deborah Gailbraith at 405-273-5236.

## POSITION OPENING

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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is seeking a professional person to fill a newly created position of Community Business Development Financing Project Director. This person will be responsible for overseeing the implementation of the Community Development Corporation (CDC). This new corporation will enable tribal members and individual American Indians to secure venture capital and debt financing for entrepreneurial business development.

The Project Director will be expected to initially develop working relations with Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech, Rose State College SBDC, First National Bank and Trust Company, and the Oklahoma Native America Business Development Center. Other duties will include compiling research and statistical data, performing a market analysis of Indian business ventures, preparing a marketing package to promote business development services and the CDC loan program, completing a Community Development Impact Plan, developing a program with First National Bank to implement the CDC loan program, working with potential clients and assisting with loan applications, maintaining a case management system, submitting financial packages for business loans, establishing an ongoing mentoring program for Indian businesses, and finally, preparing an application and receiving designation as a Community Development Financial Institution (CDFI).

At a minimum, the candidate must hold a Bachelor's degree from an accredited four-year university in Business or related field and a working knowledge of the banking community.

The Citizen Potawatomi Nation is an Equal Opportunity Employer with preferences given to American Indian applicants. Benefits include health insurance, life, 401k, childcare, and paid holidays.

Please forward resumes to Shirl Eastep, Director of Human Resources at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, 1601 S. Gordon Cooper Drive, Shawnee, Oklahoma, 74801.

Deadline for submitting resumes for this position is January 20, 2000.



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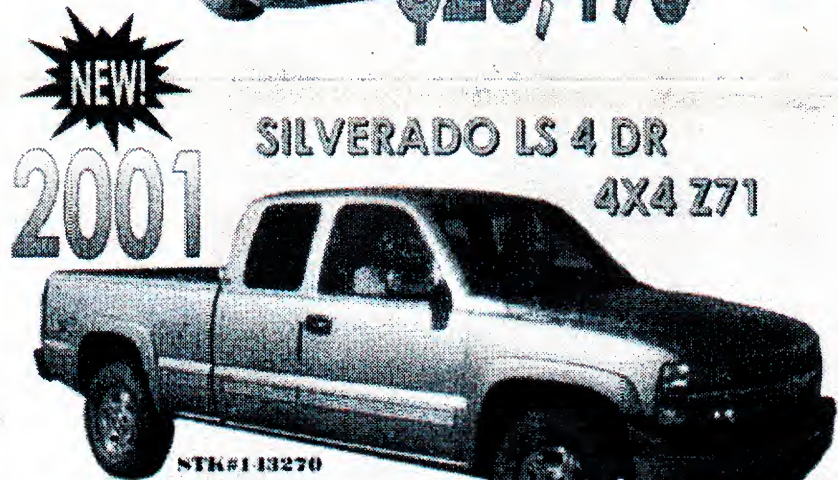
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# From The Chairman

By John A. "Rocky" Barrett

Bouzho, Nicon ( Hello, My Friends)

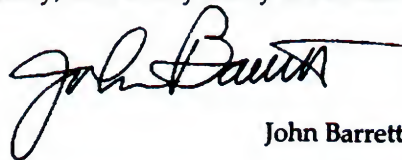
As the year 2000 comes to a close, I cannot help but reflect on the irony in the events here at the tribe. The year 2000 was our best year ever for growth in every category of tribal progress. Our businesses earned more than ever before in our history. Our health services and clinic served more Citizen Potawatomi than ever before. Our scholarship and education funding set new records in helping Citizen Potawatomi go to college. Our housing department built more new houses and bought more homes for people than ever in tribal history. Our housing department paid for more closing costs for new home purchases in more states in the United States than ever before. We are building the largest project in our tribal history in FireLake Discount Foods, a \$9,000,000 facility that will employ 200 workers and earn the tribe a million dollars per year of non-gaming revenue. Our bank is now the largest 100% Indian-owned bank in the United States and earns a million dollars per year. Our future is more financially secure than ever before. We have begun a Regional Council Services program to serve our people who live away from our reservation that is unprecedented in Indian Country. So why the irony?

This last year saw an unprecedented smear campaign against me personally, and the tribe both directly and indirectly, by people who have opposed my tenure as Tribal Chairman for many years. This year, however, they had the local newspaper ready and willing to print any trash they sent to it. And send it they did. Of the sixteen letters sent by five people, one letter, written by a Citizen Potawatomi Tribal member, was the most bizarre and reckless letter I have ever seen in all my years of tribal politics. It advocated a BOYCOTT by Citizen Potawatomi of their own businesses, including taking money out of our bank! How nutty is that? Even nuttier, one of our tribal employees is forwarding this kind of nonsense over the Internet! Now opposing me in an election is one thing, but advocating an activity that hurts the tribe is another. That is literally "cutting off your nose to spite your face." If you get this kind of stuff over the internet and want to talk to me about it to get some real information and another more sane perspective, please write or e-mail me through the tribe's website. If you get this kind of stuff from a tribal employee, call me at 1-800- 880- 9880 or by e-mail at [rocky@potawatomi.org](mailto:rocky@potawatomi.org).

Politics is politics, so I expect some attacks and criticism. But those who seek to harm me by harming the Citizen Potawatomi Nation had better stop and think. Business success, most particularly banking, is based on confidence, primarily community confidence. We have worked very hard for many years to build confidence in the local community. The people who trust us and bank and shop and play with us are the key to our survival as a service organization for our elders and our young. Without the trust of the people who live here in Shawnee and Tecumseh and the other local communities, we could not operate. We have invested millions of dollars in our tribal business infrastructure. It would be a tragedy if some nut published a bunch of lies and got our friends and customers afraid to shop or bank with us. Our standing in this community is unique in Indian country. Each of you should make it your concern when this investment is threatened by a reckless two or three people who care only about a personal vendetta and not about our future. Please seek these people out and tell them that their hate should not be focused against the tribe. It is just politics if they attack me, but lay off the tribal businesses. Disgruntled employees, ex-employees, and officials can attack me all they want, but lay off the tribal businesses. This election will be over in June. Our tribe must prosper from now on.

Christmas is a wonderful time of year. I heard a story on the radio last week about William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army. He wanted to send a Christmas message to all of the Salvation Army officers around the world to tell them the importance of what they were doing and what their frame of mind should be on this birthday of Christ. His officers were being beaten and imprisoned for their faith and work. He inquired of the telegraph office about what the cost would be to send a simple ten-word sentence, but the cost was so high that he knew he could not spare the money for such a message when people were going hungry. So he asked what a five-word sentence would cost if sent to the several hundred faithful and dedicated Salvation Army officers around the world, many of who also suffered from cold and hunger. It was still too costly. Finally, he decided that he could afford to send only one word. But what would it be? What one word would say what he wanted to say? What one word would capture the spirit of the Christmas mission each of them had taken on as part of their life's work? What one word would remind them most of God's message when he sent his Son to earth? He studied for a very long time, then sent each man a telegram with this one word: OTHERS.

I hope each of you can find Christmas joy in helping others in some way. From all of us at the Citizen Potawatomi Nation and my family, have a very Merry Christmas! Megwetch,

  
John Barrett



## CPR Training

As part of an ongoing safety effort, CPN employees have begun training in first-aid and CPR. Michael Adams demonstrates how to perform CPR while Vicki Lofton, Court Clerk, looks on. Adams has been a full-time firefighter in Shawnee for 17 years and also does safety training at Gordon Cooper Vo-Tech part-time. (Photo by Dennette Bare)

## Poetry Corner

### Christmas #1

By Dorothy Hicks

On Christmas Eve we walked to Church,  
I used to think of Jesus and Mary at the manger of his birth,  
The snow was deep and slick under our feet,  
Like diamonds it shined from the lights, from the street,  
The preacher did speak in his soft voice,  
About Jesus, his birth place, the donkey and their course,  
Why they did travel and keep out of harms way,  
For King Harrod, had plans for this birth on this day,  
All boy babies were killed to the peoples dismay,  
He would get the right one and he would make them all pay,  
The son of God, the savior did live,  
To die on the cross, his life he did give,  
For all that sees this little poem,  
Merry Christmas, blessings to you in your home.

### Christmas #2

By Dorothy Hicks

I see a church at the side of a hill,  
Built with labor, and love with manual skill,  
I hear church bells, and the chimes do play  
Like a hymn and a prayer at the end of a day,  
Jesus was born in a manger on Christmas night,  
A blazing star guided the wise men and shepherds to the sight,  
Christmas with its swirling snow,  
Like the flakes are flying with no place to go,  
I see Christmas trees in windows that glow,  
I see Santa on street corners, cold and half froze,  
We wish you, the very best,  
Good health, wealth, and the rest,  
God Bless you each, and everyone,  
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# Haney design chosen for Oklahoma capitol dome

Having been selected to sculpt the statute that will top the new State Capitol Dome, Five Tribes master artist Enoch Kelly Haney has now met with architects and engineers to finalize the dimensions of the sculpture.

"Obviously, there are the artistic, aesthetic considerations involved, as well as the engineering and architectural demands regarding height and weight," said Haney.

Haney said it has been determined that the bronze sculpture will be 17 feet high, and weigh approximately four to four and a half tons.

The artist, who is a full blood Seminole-Creek Indian, has balanced his painting and sculpting with his work in the Oklahoma State Legislature since 1981. He has also served as tribal councilman and as manager of the Seminole Nation of Oklahoma.

Haney was one of six finalists for creating a sculpture to top the planned dome for the Capitol building. The entries were judged by numbers only.

"I am still overwhelmed at having been selected for this project. Oklahoma has been my family's home for generations, and it is a tremendous honor to be called upon to create this artwork for the Capitol," said Haney, who refused the \$50,000 commission that had been allocated for the artist chosen to sculpt

the statue.

Haney said he has also been touched by the many phone calls and messages he's received from across the state since the announcement of his selection last week.

"People have told me how proud they are that a Native American image has been selected for the Capitol Dome. It is an important recognition of the role Native people have played in our state, which bears an Indian name," he said. Oklahoma is Choctaw for "Land of the Redman."

Haney's sculpture depicts a young Native American male holding a lance, point down, firmly in the ground.

"The image is of standing one's ground. I feel it embodies values shared by all Oklahomans native or not. It represents the deep love of family and home we all share, and the desire to protect them," explained Haney.

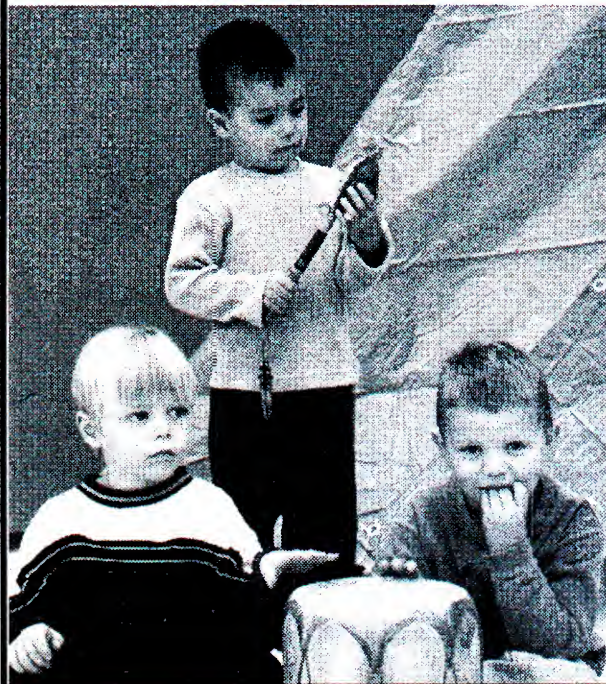
State officials hope the dome and the sculpture will be completed by Statehood Day, Nov. 16, 2002.

The original plans for Oklahoma's State Capitol included a dome, but there were not enough funds for its completion. The \$20 million for construction of the dome is a combination of state and privately donated funds. Officials say the final bronze statue will cost \$250,000, to be raised privately.



Kelly Haney With Model Of Winning Sculpture Design

## Child Care Heritage Week



Children in the Citizen Potawatomi Day Care program studied Heritage Week hands on, making flutes and learning to play them under the direction of Jesse Hernandez. (Photos by Holly Gordon).

